

**THE SCHOOL BONDS**

The Torrance Herald, in its edition of May 16, editorially recommended a "No" vote on the proposal of the Los Angeles City Schools to bond the district to the extent of \$75,000,000.

This editorial pointed out that Torrance taxpayers will pay to Los Angeles some \$1,500,000, plus interest over 25 years which will equal half this amount, and Torrance will get very little, if anything, back.

We asked the Los Angeles Board of Education three questions:

1. What plans have you for spending in Torrance the money you ask Torrance to provide?
2. Please state the projects which will benefit the people of Torrance in proportion to the amount of money which you intend to collect from Torrance people.
3. What has happened to the Torrance annual share of the "cash and carry" building plan which you have been raising through the years?

We here present from Dr. Frank O. Evans, educational housing section and special bond committee of the Los Angeles Board of Education, an answer to questions Nos. 1 and 2, under Dr. Evans' labeled subject: "Proposed School Buildings and Improvements in Your Area" (as included in the forthcoming bond issue).

This is what Dr. Evans said that Torrance is going to get in return for its \$1,500,000: "Fern Avenue school, modernize; Torrance elementary school, modernize."

Dr. Evans also said that Torrance high school will get a cafeteria, but we wish to call the attention of Dr. Evans and the people of Torrance to the fact that the cafeteria already had been committed, to be paid for from the \$4,000,000 "cash and carry" building fund to which Torrance has been contributing through the years. This indicates that no answer is forthcoming to question No. 3. We deduct, with the Los Angeles Citizens Bond Committee, whose recommendations against the bonds are printed elsewhere in this edition, that the \$4,000,000 "cash and carry" fund will be spent in addition to the \$75,000,000, making a total of \$79,000,000.

Dr. Evans mentions in his "proposed school buildings and improvements" for Torrance the Carson Street school modernization, but we point out that this is not in Torrance and the school was last year completely modernized.

He also mentions a new elementary school plan for this "area," but we likewise point out that it already has been "placed" not in Torrance but in an area east of Torrance.

Therefore, it would appear that the only benefit from the bond issue which Torrance will get for its \$1,500,000 is modernization of Fern Avenue and Torrance elementary schools, perhaps \$25,000 in all. The first year, the bond issue will cost Torrance \$50,000, plus interest.

The \$75,000,000 bond issue will increase taxes in Torrance 21 cents per \$100 assessed valuation which means Torrance will pay school taxes of almost \$2.30 per \$100, starting next year if the bonds carry.

That will mean that Torrance next year will give to Los Angeles city for running our schools approximately \$530,000, plus state school support, raised on the basis of Torrance average daily attendance, of more than \$200,000. Los Angeles will get \$730,000 from Torrance on behalf of Torrance.

What will the spend here? All the information which we have been able to gather from available sources is that the cost of running the schools of Torrance does not exceed half of this amount.

Los Angeles will get \$365,000 above its costs here: For what? Here's a good chance to tell Los Angeles what we would like to have with "our" money which she takes, and keep!

We want:

1. A new senior high school, complete with separate boys' and girls' gymnasiums; auditorium; cafeteria; vocational and industrial art shops befitting the industrial community which Torrance is; a stadium; swimming pool.
2. Modernization of the present high school into a Junior high school, complete with a new boys' gymnasium; cafeteria; necessary shops, etc.
3. A new elementary school plant to serve North and West Torrance.
4. A Torrance Junior college.

We know that we can afford these, because already we are paying for them. Let no time be lost before we are able to have the spending of our own money for our own children, on our own independent school system.

It is significant that the progressive Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, usually in the forefront promoting the development of schools and other public institutions, has seen fit to recommend a "No" vote on the \$75,000,000 school bond issue. We are happy to see the United Taxpayers, Inc., of Los Angeles, the highly respected and fair-minded California Taxpayers Association and the Los Angeles Citizens' budget committee fighting this improper \$75,000,000 school bond issue and we urge all to read adjoining articles on this subject by these organizations.

As far as the City of Los Angeles is concerned, there is ample time and opportunity to correct the situation, and submit a smaller bond issue at either the August or November elections. Instead of attempting to finance a ten-year construction program at this time, we believe, with Los Angeles, that the bond issue should be pared down to the actual requirements of the next two or three years, and re-submitted at either the August or November elections. With building costs at an all-time peak, this is not the appropriate time to engage in a long-range building program.

When you go to the polls Tuesday, it will be necessary to ask for a school ballot in addition to the regular primary election ballot. We recommend that Torrance voters "ask" for the school ballot and vote "No" on the school bonds.

**STATE PRIMARY ELECTION NEXT TUESDAY; HEAVY AND DECISIVE VOTE IS URGED**

Tuesday is State Primary Election Day in California, and polling places will open at 7 a. m. and close at 7 p. m.

Voters will nominate or elect candidates for top state, county, congressional and judicial offices, as well as elect a state superintendent of public instruction and decide on a \$75,000,000 Los Angeles school bond issue.

Polling places in Torrance and surrounding area will be substantially the same as they were in the recent City Election. City Clerk A. H. Bartlett said.

Tuesday being election day, the City Hall, other public offices, banks and liquor stores will be closed, and a heavy vote is being urged by civic leaders.

Deputies will be on duty in the office of City Clerk Bartlett, however.

Election returns will be available after closing of the polls either at the Torrance Herald office or the clerk's office.

Voters will cast their ballots on the following candidates:

Governor, Earl Warren, incumbent, both tickets; Robert W. W. Kenny, attorney general, both tickets; William E. Ricker, both tickets; A. Beldon Gilbert, executive director, California

Peace Officers Civil Service Association, Democratic only.

Lieutenant Governor, Charles W. Lyon, speaker of the Assembly; John F. Shelley, senator; 14th district; Goodwin J. Knight, Superior court judge, all running on Republican and Democratic tickets.

Secretary of State, Frank M. Jordan, and Lucile Webster Gleason, each running on both major tickets.

Controller, Thomas H. Kuebel, state controller who was appointed to the office following the death of Harry B. Riley, who served several terms in the office; Ira J. McDonald, John H. Carter, and one Harry E. Riley, all running on both tickets. Attention of the voters is called to the similarity of names between the late controller, Harry B. Riley and candidate Harry E. Riley. Thomas H.

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**'NO' SCHOOL BOND VOTE URGED BOTH BY TORRANCE AND LOS ANGELES GROUPS**

Piling up a definite "NO" vote on the \$75,000,000 Los Angeles City Schools bond issue, strong opposition to the proposal on the June 4 (next Tuesday) ballot has developed in Torrance and in Los Angeles proper.

Torrance opposition is based on the fact that the bonds will cost Torrance taxpayers from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000, and that little, if any, return will be realized from the money raised by Torrance.

All that Torrance has been promised is "modernization" of Fern Avenue and Torrance elementary schools. Mention has been made of the high school cafeteria, but it already has been committed out of "pay as you go" funds.

A new elementary plant also has been promised for the Torrance "area" but it will be located east of the city and would not benefit the city in any way.

All in all, it is pointed out, the total amount of money to be spent in Torrance from the \$1,500,000, plus interest, share in the big bond issue, is estimated at \$25,000.

Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, powerful and aggressive supporter of the Los Angeles schools, has recommended defeat of the bond issue.

In a statement to membership asking the "No" vote on the \$75,000,000, the chamber pointed

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**City Seeking National Guard Unit, Armory**

Torrance City Council Tuesday night decided that it wants at least one unit of the California National Guard stationed in Torrance, and offered to lease to the State of California for 99 years a site for an armory.

City Clerk A. H. Bartlett was instructed to write to Governor Warren and the Adjutant General's Office stating that the city desires to have the National Guard unit and is willing to provide the land for an armory.

Torrance has been headquarters for nearly five years of Co. H, 2nd Battalion, 39th Regiment, California State Guard, commanded by Capt. R. L. Lewellen, and this unit has been occupying a temporary armory at Torrance Ball Park.

**Beach Cities School Survey Urges Perry Join New Unified District**

A new angle was thrown into the plan to form unified elementary and high school districts in Torrance by adoption of a City Charter providing therefor, when it was revealed this week, that a survey of elementary school districts of the South Bay area has resulted in a recommendation that Perry elementary school district, most of which is located in Torrance, be merged into a unified elementary district with Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach.

This places the \$5,000,000 Perry district, which was able to avoid the clutches of the Los Angeles city school district, in a position of losing its identity, one way or another—with the possibility of the area coming into the new proposed Torrance unified elementary school district, which is the most likely result.

Redondo Beach civic leaders and school men, together with those of Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach, who are considering the move to combine the districts, declare that they do not want to include Perry school district in the proposed beach setup if there is any possibility of the Perry school going into the Torrance district. They declare it will be easier to work their beach cities plan if Perry is left out of their picture.

The three cities paid some \$2,500 for a survey of the four districts which resulted in the recommendation for their consolidation into one unified district. The beach school officials are watching the Torrance Charter move with interest.

**County Allows Substitution Of Building Materials, Letter Says**

All that contractors want from the City of Torrance to speed construction is the allowing of substitution of materials, a practical man as head of the building department and a little more cooperation out of that office. This was the reaction of local builders interrogated by the Torrance Herald as to their viewpoint of a letter sent to the City Council Tuesday by C. D. Griffin, acting chief of the County Department of Building and Safety, regarding an editorial in the Herald two weeks ago asking for a liberal interpretation of the building code in Torrance.

Griffin, a close friend of City Engineer G. M. Jain, recently criticized for his lack of cooperation with contractors, told the City Council:

"The recent editorial in the Torrance Herald has come to my attention wherein the implication is made that various cities and the County of Los Angeles are closing their eyes to many requirements of their building codes in order to further construction.

"Because of this fact I feel you should know that the Department of Building and Safety of the County of Los Angeles has found it inadvisable to lower their present restrictions, and the only deviation therefrom will be for materials accepted under code provisions as adequate substitutes for those called for. In view of the fact that the county has traditionally had the reputation for being 'tough' when it comes to building, the statement referred to is of some interest to us.

"We feel that the Uniform Building Code, under which your city and our jurisdiction both operate, is the most satisfactory

**Ask For Separate School Bonds Ballot Tuesday**

A separate ballot, registration book and ballot box has been provided for the \$75,000,000 Los Angeles city schools bond issue election.

Voters are being cautioned to request the school ballot, which is divided into three propositions, Junior college, high school and elementary school district.

A "no" vote is being urged on all three of the propositions.

The bonds have nothing to do with teacher salaries, and other provisions are being made to increase them, but the bond money must be spent for land, buildings or equipment.

**Torrance Weather Record**  
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May	Maxi- mum	Mini- mum
22	86	52
23	86	53
24	87	49
25	86	52
26	71	50
27	69	48
28	72	50

**Memorial Day Ceremony And Parade To Be Held Starting At 10 A. M.**

Torrance men and women who gave their lives in World Wars I and II will be commemorated today in Memorial Day services being held at 10 a. m.

A parade of local veterans, patriotic and military organizations will be held, starting at 10 o'clock and moving from Crenshaw Blvd. and Torrance Blvd. down Torrance Blvd. to Sartori Ave.; on Sartori to Marcelina Ave., on Marcelina to Cravens Ave., and on Cravens to El Prado park where the ceremonies will be conducted.

A platform has been erected at the northeast end of the park, where the City of Torrance last year dedicated the plot of ground to the memory of war dead.

In the parade will be members of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars and their auxiliaries; Gold Star Mothers, Navy Mothers, members of the Moose lodge, American Red Cross, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and other organizations, together with troops of the 2nd Battalion, 39th Regiment, California State Guard, with trucks and jeeps.

Captain R. L. Lewellen, commander of Co. H, 2nd Battalion, is parade marshal.

Captain John F. Melanie, patriotic instructor of the Veterans of Foreign Wars post here, is master of ceremonies for the Memorial day ceremony.

The Rev. Father P. J. McGuinness will give the invocation, and the principal speaker will be James B. West, former American Legion post commander and director of Moose lodge for the region of California, Washington, Oregon and Nevada.

The address of welcome will be by Mayor J. Hugh Sherfy, Jr., and on the platform will be representatives of the Gold Star Mothers, Navy Mothers, the official family of the City of Torrance, Commander C. Earl Conner of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Commander James Brodie of the American Legion, Mrs. Mable Weigand, VFW auxiliary president, and Mrs. Emma Evans, American Legion auxiliary president, and others.

The troops of the State Guard will form a firing party and furnish a bugler for sounding of taps following the roll call of the departed veterans.

**CONSTRUCTION TO START JULY 1 ON 200 NEW HOMES ON NORTH TORRANCE SITE**

Construction will start about July 1 on 200 two and three-bedroom homes on the 40-acre tract at the northeast corner of 174th St. and Crenshaw Blvd., Homer Bale, who has built some 1000 homes in the Gardena area, announced this week.

An investment of some \$1,500,000 is represented in the new home-building program, and the development will be on land recently acquired from the Andrews ranch interests.

The tract will be improved immediately with sidewalks, curbs, streets, sewer lines and other utilities, and water supply already has been assured by Moneta Water Co.

All materials are available for the vast development. Bale, formerly a resident of Torrance, said, as he owns and operates his own lumber mill in Medford, Ore., and owns his own plumbing company.

Surveying now is in progress, and installation of improvements will start at once.

The new tract will be known as Torrance Manor, and associated in the construction of the homes will be Fame LePage, contractor who was one of the builders of the Army hospital in Torrance.

Arthur Davies, Gardena realty broker, handled the transaction for the land.



**AEROBATIC STAR . . . Harry Donnelly, former Ferry Command pilot during the last war, has been contracted to perform in the mammoth two-day Torrance Aerial Circus, July 5-6. Donnelly does a "hair-brain" light plane act that is unequalled for thrill-flying the low horsepowerd airplanes. Nine other thrill-packed acts are scheduled for the event, including a squadron of Marine Corsairs which will stage a low strafing and bombing raid.**

**BORDER AVENUE PAVING PETITION GOES TO ENGINEER**

The petition of land owners and industrial firms along Border Ave. that the street be paved from 213th St. to Plaza del Amo was referred to the City Engineer's office for investigation and recommendation, by the City Council Tuesday night.

**North Torrance Airport To Be Placed In Operation For Small Planes June 1**

Something new is definitely being added to the old airport scene, according to Marine Col. William Fox, head of Community Airports, Inc., which will have its first completed airport in North Torrance at 174th St. and Redondo Beach Blvd. Opening date has been set for June 1.

"The private flyer has been operating off of a back-alley field much too long," declared the colonel yesterday when interviewed by a Torrance Herald reporter.

"You may rest assured that our airport in North Torrance will be 10 years ahead of its time in airdrome engineering and will be an enviable beauty sight for the surrounding district."

More good news to the private

airman is that Fox is against cluttering up the ether with pilot to tower chatter and has arranged the familiar green and red take-off and land signals at convenient locations about the field to eliminate a lot of tower watch. Even the wind "T" will be lighted with neon.

Colonel Fox said that under no circumstances, other than emergency, would the military

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**COMMUNITY AIRPORTS INC TORRANCE FIELD**

**NORTH TORRANCE AIRPORT OPENING SET . . . June 1 will see the new Torrance airport of Community Airports, Inc., headed by Col. W. J. Fox, opened for operations. Above is an artist's drawing of the completed airport as proposed. The 2300-foot runway and taxiways already are paved. Pathways for automobiles are being provided, as shown in the drawing, along 174th St. and at the intersection of Redondo Beach Blvd. and Prairie Ave. The huge \$20,000 hangar already is under construction, and future development which will total \$500,000 will call for display and sales rooms, gasoline pits for servicing planes, wash ramps and plane parking (tie down) areas as indicated. Only light private planes will be allowed on the airport except in emergency, thus eliminating objectionable noise, it was said.**